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Casper, Wyoming, April 18, '22.

Curator of the Metropolitan Museum,

Dear Sir:-

Sixteen years ago when I resigned as Missionary teacher in Euphrates College, Harpoot, Turkey-in-Asia, an old man who for nearly sixty years had been a missionary in Harpoot gave me an interesting coin. It had been dug up somewhere in the vicinity of the Euphrates River. It is a coin of Alexander the Great, unusually well preserved,- it is about the size of a quater but weighs as much as a half dollar. Of course it is a silver coin. Dr. Barnum, the old gentleman before mentioned, had made old coins his hobby for many years and he told me that this was one of the best he had ever seen. The Armenian plain extending East & West between the Taurus & the Anti-Taurus Mts. was traversed by Alexander's armies and later by the Romans, for this reason some very valuable coins have been found there;- no doubt you know more of that than I.

Only within the last few months has it occurred to me that I might part with this coin and that some museum might be enough interested to buy it. I am writing first to You, for New York is my native state and in earlier years I spent many profitable hours in the Metropolitan Museum. Do you think the Museum or any of the patron of the Museum would be interested enough to purchase such a coin? What would the value of such a coin be.

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Thanking you in advance for any interest you may take in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Bertha Wilson Carter.

(Mrs. Lewis E. Carter)

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April 25th, 1922

Mrs. Lewis E. Carter
866 Lincoln Avenue
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Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 18th addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply.

The coins of Alexander the Great are very numerous; also, they consist of enumerable varieties. On an average, they are worth from $2.00 to $4.00, according to type and condition.

One of our members specializes on these coins and has several thousand varieties. In fact, he is making a study of the subject. If you care to send your piece to us next month, I shall be glad to show it to this collector.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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